

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 6, 9 and 16 is gratefully acknowledged.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the material of claim 25. This should make claim 1 allowable, as claim 25 was previously considered allowable. Claim 25 has now been cancelled as redundant. This should also make any claims depending from claim 1 allowable.

Other claims not currently considered allowable and not depending from claim 1 have been canceled.

Applicants respectfully submit that this amendment should put the case in condition for allowance; and that entry is therefore appropriate.

Applicants respectfully object to the statements of reasons for allowance to the extent that they are in any way different from the claim language. The invention is as claimed.

Applicants do not concede any of the points of rejection made by the Examiner. The current amendments are made without prejudice or disclaimer merely for the purpose of securing issue of the allowed and allowable claims. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any cancelled subject matter in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications.

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Applicants respectfully submit that they have addressed each issue raised by the Examiner — except for any that were skipped as moot. Entry and allowance are accordingly respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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